stepped up to Rs. 15243.76 crore as against Rs. 8225 crore in Budget Estimate 2004-05.

Primary schools

†2055. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of primary schools is decreasing continuously;

(b) if not, the number of such schools in 2001-02 and 2003-04; and

(c) the number of students registered in these schools during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) The number of primary schools and enrolement of students at the primary stage during the last three years 2000-01 to 2002-03 is given below:

(Figures in lakhs)

Year	Number of primary schools	Enrolment of students at primary stage
2000-01	6.39	1138
2001-02	6.64	1139
2002-03	6.51	1224

Figures for the year 2003-04 are not available.

Shortage of secondary schools

†2056. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of secondary schools;

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(b) if so, the assessment of this shortage;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to increase the number of such schools, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the amount spent during 2002-03 and 2003-04 in this regard; and

(e) the reasons for less expenditure in 2005-06 as compared to the previous years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) According to the 7th All India Educational Survey (September 30, 2002) of the NCERT, New Delhi, there were a total of 90,761 secondary schools in the country as against a total of 65,564 schools in the 6th Survey (September 30, 1993). While according to the 6th Survey, out of the total 1060612 rural habitations, 69.72 per cent and 84.82 per cent had secondary stage schooling/facilities within a distance of 5 Kms and 8 Kms respectively, no such assessment has been made so far under the 7th Survey.

(c) A committee of the Central Advisory Board on Education has been constituted for the first time to look into all aspects of universalisation of secondary education.

The outlays required, if any, for increasing the number of secondary school would depend on the recommendations of the said committee.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Efforts by UNICEF for Tsunami affected children

†2057. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United Nations Children Emergency Fund is considering to make efforts at world level to save the children from being mentally affected, who have been separated from their parents during Tsunami disaster;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

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